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Collaborative Leadership Summit to End Homelessness

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The Collaborative Leadership Summit to End Homelessness brought together over 140 federal, state, and local leaders to identify partnership opportunities in order to better access and utilize services, resources, and federal funding to end chronic and Veteran homelessness in Los Angeles County. Attendees were asked to brainstorm opportunities that exist regarding collaboration, service deliveries and targeting resources in Los Angeles. Below are the key recommendations from summit participants on the next steps for federal and local partners.

RECOMMENDED PRIORITIES FOR FEDERAL PARTNERS

ENDING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

Summit participants called upon Federal partners to:

- Direct local Public Housing Authorities to create housing choice voucher set-asides for chronically homeless individuals.
- Revise the McKinney-Vento funding formula to include poverty, overcrowded housing, and severe rent burden.
- Coordinate housing and service funding streams with a focus on permanent housing outcomes.

ENDING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

Summit participants called upon Federal partners to:

- Allow a portion of VASH Vouchers to be utilized as project-based vouchers.
- Allow VASH vouchers to be administered by local nonprofits.
- Provide direction to local Public Housing Authorities on removing local barriers to utilizing housing resources for chronically homeless individuals and Veterans.

RECOMMENDED PRIORITIES FOR LOCAL PARTNERS

ENDING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

Summit participants called upon local partners to:

- Distribute joint public and private funding for capital, operating, and services for permanent supportive housing.
- Regularly convene cross-sector stakeholders to continue coordinating work to end chronic and Veteran homelessness.
- Create housing choice voucher set-asides for chronically homeless individuals.

ENDING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

Summit participants called upon local partners to:

- Integrate and align local public and private resources to end Veteran homelessness.
- Increase regional collaboration between the VA and nonprofits to coordinate placement into available housing opportunities.
- Centralize income verification between Housing Authorities, VA, and landlords.